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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 form. Applicants are filing this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application, to the undersigned's knowledge at the time of filing. This IDS supplements the IDSs filed on February 26, 2004 and June 24, 2005.

Applicants attach copies of the listed documents. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate their consideration by making appropriate notation on the attached PTO/SB/08 form.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or full translation of the non-English documents JP 2000-339636 and JP 10-255231, Applicants enclose a Korean Patent Office Action entitled "Notification for Filing Opinion," mailed on November 23, 2005 in a counterpart foreign

application, citing and setting forth the relevance of those documents. An English language translation of the Korean Patent Office Action is also enclosed.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any or all of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present the relevant facts and law to the Office regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

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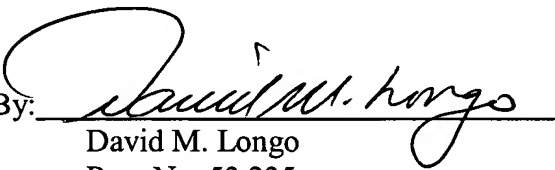
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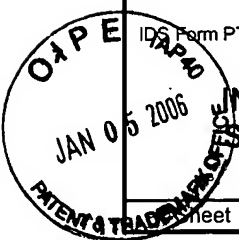
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